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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 15752

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB, GW

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROTESTS ON INTERIOR

COMMITTEE MEETING AND EXFILTRATION

REF: A) STATE 214130; B) BONN 15458

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH MERITS OF SINGLE ORAL REPLY AT THIS TIME TO BELETSKIY AND WILL SO PROPOSE TO FRENCH AND BRITISH. FOR REASONS GIVEN PARA TWO BELOW AND SINCE PARIS AND LONDON (AS WELL AS BONN) HAVE GIVEN APPROVAL ON BOTH PRESENT TEXT AND ON SCENARIO, WE HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT URGING CHANGES IN TEXT UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPELLING REASONS. OUR BELIEF THAT SOME KIND OF REPLY SHOULD BE MADE HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY FRENCH REPORT THAT, AT TIME OF SOVIET DEMARCHE OCTOBER 29 IN MOSCOW ON ENVIRONMENT OFFICE, FRENCH WERE TOLD THAT ALLIES SHOULD NOT HAVE IMPRESSION THAT BELETSKIY NOT SERIOUS IN HIS APPROACHES.

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2. WE SEE TWO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH TEXT PROPOSED
REF A. THE FRENCH ARE SURE NOT TO GO ALONG WITH
SENTENCE THREE, "THE THREE ALLIES HAVE EXAMINED THE
PROCEEDINGS..." SINCE THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT IF A CLOSE
EXAMINATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS WERE IN FACT DONE, IT
WOULD SHOW THAT ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED DURING INTERIOR
COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH ARE AT LEAST OF QUESTIONABLE
PROPRIETY. THE BRITISH, ALSO, HAVE SAID THEY HAVE
SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT WHAT ACTUALLY WAS DIS-
CUSSED IN BERLIN BY COMMITTEE. THE SECOND PROBLEM IS
THE PHRASE IN SENTENCE 4, "IN AT LEAST THE FIRST
INSTANCE" WHICH COULD BE TURNED AROUND ON ALLIES BY
POSSIBLE FUTURE SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT THE THREE BECOME
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PUTTING STOP TO EXFILTRATION.

3. EMBASSY CONSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT
AGREE TO PRESENT BONN GROUP TEXT (WHICH HAS BEEN
APPROVED BY FRG, UK AND FRANCE) WITH CONDITION THAT
ENTIRE REPLY BE MADE ORALLY.
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